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TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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FOL AMMAN 3361 SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAY 20; REPEATED TO YOU

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S E C R E T AMMAN 3361

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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, US, SA, JO, XF

SUBJ: US STATEMENT ON OIL EMBARGO

1. KING USED OCCASION OF OUR MEETING MAY 19 TO
TELL ME HOW DISAPPOINTED HE WAS AT SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE USE OF MILITARY
FORCE TO BREAK ANY NEW OIL EMBARGO. (IN ABSENCE FULL TEST) I
EXPLAINED STATEMENT CAME IN CONTEXT CLEAR WARNING TO NORTH
KOREANS AND OTHERS NOT TO BE TEMPTED TO START TROUBLE
OR PRESSURE US ON BASIS ANY INTERPRETATION THEY MIGHT
MAKE OF OUR RESOLVE AFTER VIETNAM AND CAMBODIAN

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EVENTS, HE WAS CLEARLY NOT SATISFIED.

2. HE INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT WE HAD JUST GOTTEN SAUDIS DOWN OFF THE CEILING AFTER LAST SERIES SUCH STATEMENTS. HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY FAHD AND KHALED ON HIS LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN THAT EMBARGO WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED UNLESS ISRAEL BEGAN WAR AND US MOVED INTO ASSIST AND THAT SAUDIS HOPED US COULD KEEP DISCUSSION OF ISSUE OFF FRONT PAGES. (MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT HE SAID SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES TO PRESIDENT). WHILE HE DID NOT ADD THAT IT WAS DISAPPOINTMENT TO HIM TO HAVE IT CROP UP AGAIN, WAY IN WHICH HE BROUGHT IT UP WITH ME MAKES IT CLEAR THAT SUCH WAS CASE. HE ALSO CLEARLY FEELS HIS CREDIBILITY WITH SAUDIS, WHICH HE HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DEVELOPING, IS UNDERMINED.

3. I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO IMMEDIATELY. BUT IN ANY MESSAGE WHICH YOU MAY BE SENDING TO KING IN NEAR FUTURE, SOME REASSURANCE THAT WE UNDERSTAND HIS CONCERN AND WHATEVER ELSE WE CAN ADD TO DEFUSE THAT CONCERN, WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AND HELPFUL.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT JIDDA. PICKERING UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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